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Application No.: 10/781,772 )  
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Filed: February 20, 2004 )  
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For: METHOD OF ALLOCATING )  
A SERVICE BY A FIRST )  
PEER TO A SECOND PEER )  
IN A COMMUNICATION )  
NETWORK ) March 23, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (2) to (4) are enclosed.

(1) U.S. Publication No. 2002/0054578

(2) M. Alfano, "Design and implementation of a cooperative multimedia environment with QoS control", Computer Communications, Elsevier Science Publishers BV, Amsterdam, NL, Vol. 21, No. 4, April 10, 1998, pp. 350 - 361.

(3) M. Findeli, "Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networking", July 1, 2001,  
<URL:<http://findeli.com/docs/p2p.pdf>>


(4) V. Berk, et al., "File Sharing Protocols: A Tutorial On Gnutella",  
Institute For Security Technology Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover,  
NH, March 6, 2001, pp. i - 15.

Documents (1) to (3) were cited during prosecution of a French patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of a French Preliminary Search Report dated September 9, 2003 is enclosed. Document (4) is discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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